

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the text on lines 5-19 with the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a US National Phase Application of PCT/US2004/013379 filed on April 30, 2004 which claims priority to US Patent Applications: Serial No. 10/454,663, filed June 4, 2003, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SEQUENCE LISTING

A sequence listing is filed herewith in accordance with CFR 1.821 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

On page 92, lines 27-32, please replace the paragraph with the following:

In another embodiment, a duplex comprising an antisense strand having the same sequence CGAGAGGCGGACGGGACCG (SEQ ID NO: 87) may be prepared with blunt ends (no single strand overhang) as shown:

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cgagaggcggacgggaccg
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gctctccgcctgccctggc
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(SEQ ID NO: 87) Antisense Strand

(SEQ ID NO: 147) Sense Strand